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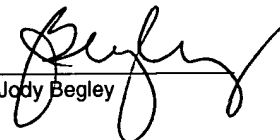
For: Post Test Data Processing of a Mass Storage System

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

An Office Action was issued on June 17, 2004, in which the Examiner (1) rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,689 issued to Hale ("Hale") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,880,902 issued to Yu et al. ("Yu"). Reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

In rejecting Claims 1-5 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hale in view of Yu, the Examiner stated that Hale discloses all of the claim elements except processing the accumulated data regarding the performance of the mass storage system in response to the host generated commands, the processing comprising validating and correcting, as required, the accumulated data. The Examiner contends, however, that